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Delayed justice: 3 states remove all time limits on child sex abuse lawsuits

By DAVID SHARP
Associated Press
PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Ann Allen loved going to church and the after-school social group led by a dynamic priest back in the 1960s. The giggling fun with friends always ended with a game of hide and seek. Each week, the Rev. Lawrence Sabatino chose one girl to hide with him. Allen said when it was her turn, she was sexually assaulted, at age 7, in the recesses of St. Peter's Catholic Church. "I don't remember how I got out of that cellar and I don't think I ever will. But I remember it like it's yesterday. I remember the smells. The sounds. I remember what he said, and what he did," she said.



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A statue of a praying boy is seen outside Holy Family Catholic Church, Friday, April 28, 2023, in Old Town, Maine. Associated Press

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Allen, 64, is one of more than two dozen people who have sued the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, Maine, over the past year, seeking delayed justice since lawmakers allowed lawsuits for abuse that happened long ago and can't be pursued in criminal courts either because of time limits or evidence diminishing over time.

More survivors are pursuing cases as states increasingly consider repealing time limits for child sex crime lawsuits. Vermont was the first state to remove the limits in 2019, followed by Maine in 2021 and Maryland this year. Michigan, Rhode Island and Massachusetts are poised to take action before their legislative sessions end.

"The momentum is irreversible," said Marci Hamilton, CEO of CHILD USA, a think tank aiming to prevent child abuse and neglect. In April, Maryland lifted time limits on child sexual abuse lawsuits against institutions less than a week after the attorney general detailed decades of abuse of more than 600 children by over 150 priests associated with the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Other states, meanwhile, have briefly removed the statute of limitations on lawsuits for childhood abuse. More than 10,000 lawsuits were filed when New York set aside time limits for two years.

Across the country, those lawsuits have targeted



Several women seated next to Ann Allen, second from left, attend a news conference to announce they are joining Allen's lawsuit against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, Wednesday, March 8, 2023, in Portland, Maine.

Associated Press

churches, summer camps, scout groups and other institutions accused of enabling pedophiles or turning a blind eye to wrongdoing.

More states eliminating the limits would help achieve justice and prevention, according to advocates who say survivors tend to keep the trauma to themselves, backed by new research suggesting survivors typically come forward in their 50s.

"More and more people come forward as they realize that they're not alone," said Michael Bigos, one of Allen's attorneys, whose law firm has brought 25 lawsuits since last June and is evaluating more than 100 additional potential cases, including about 65 target-

ing the Portland diocese. In his law offices, Allen looked at a photo of herself at her first communion at St. Peter's, which serves what was once Portland's Little Italy neighborhood and hosts a popular street party each summer. The photo was taken after the assault. Her joy and exuberance are gone. "When I look at it, I see a pretty damaged child," she said.

Sabatino quickly became part of the fabric of St. Peter's when he arrived in 1958 after leaving another church where parents reported to police that he had sexually abused their 6-year-old daughter. The priest was warned by the Diocese of Portland not to engage with children or

play games, but was soon doing both.

Parishioners, including Ann Allen's family, invited him into their homes. He visited her family's beach house. Allen thought she was lucky when she was selected to hide with him. But the abuse became a dark secret she carried for decades.

She never considered telling her parents. Allen said she didn't think anyone would believe her.

As a school principal in California, Allen was protective of children, especially those who reported abuse. She would try to help them and say the right things — things she wished had been done for her. Then, she went home to "curl up in a ball," she said.

But her secret came bub-

bling back when she returned to Maine and had to confront her past, she said.

Robert Dupuis tells a similar story.

He was 12 years old in 1961 when he was abused by the Rev. John Curran in Old Town, a riverside city in Maine. Decades later, he sought help from Alcoholics Anonymous when his marriage was in jeopardy. He acknowledged the abuse in group therapy, at around age 55, and the revelation changed his life. "It healed me and it freed me from holding back," the 74-year-old said.

His marriage and friendships have improved, he said. Now, he encourages others who have been abused to come forward.

Most of Maine's newly filed civil lawsuits target the Diocese of Portland, accusing leaders of ignoring accusations against priests like Sabatino and Curran, or simply moving them to new parishes, allowing the abuse to continue.

Diocese officials concluded that allegations against Sabatino and Curran were credible. Both have long since died.

Maine removed its time limits in 2000 to sue over childhood sexual abuse, but not retroactively, leaving survivors without recourse for older cases. Changes in 2021 allowed previously expired civil claims. The Legislature also is considering easing the statute of limitations on criminal charges for sexual assaults of children. □

Compromise may mean continued reprieve for 'Obamacare'

By KEVIN MCGILL

Associated Press

Attorneys told a federal appeals court Friday they are close to an agreement that could temporarily maintain government requirements that health insurance plans include coverage of HIV-preventing drugs, cancer screenings and other preventive care while a court battle over the mandates plays out.

An agreement could be ready to present to the court by Tuesday,

attorneys for opponents of the mandates and the Biden administration, which is defending the mandates, said in a brief report filed with the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

In March, U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor in Fort Worth, Texas, ruled that some of the preventive care requirements under former President Barack Obama's 13-year-old health care law are unconstitutional. The 5th Circuit blocked the order from having an immediate

effect last month. On Tuesday, a three judge panel of the appeals court heard arguments on whether the mandates should remain in place while appeals play out in what is likely to be a protracted legal battle. The panel later issued an order for attorneys to report by Friday on the possibility of a temporary compromise.

The Biden administration wants a stay order that would keep the coverage broadly available nationwide for HIV prevention and

other preventive care. Attorneys for the six plaintiffs challenging the mandate want to make sure any stay does not include their clients — including a conservative activist and a Christian dentist who oppose coverage for contraception and HIV prevention on religious grounds. The plaintiffs want to be able to deny the coverage without risking penalties, even if O'Connor's ruling is eventually completely overturned. □

Trump case assigned to judge who faced criticism

By MEG KINNARD, CURT ANDERSON and ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The historic federal criminal case against former President Donald Trump has been assigned to a judge he appointed who faced blistering criticism over her decision to grant his request for an independent arbiter to review documents obtained during an FBI search of his Florida estate. A person familiar with the development confirmed Friday that the case was assigned to Judge Aileen Cannon, a former federal prosecutor who was nominated to the bench by Trump in 2020 and sits in Fort Pierce, about an hour's drive north of Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence.

The indictment makes Trump the first former president in U.S. history to be charged with federal crimes. Trump said he has been ordered to appear in court in Miami on Tuesday. Trump is facing 37 felony counts related to the mishandling of classified documents, according to an indictment unsealed Friday that alleges that he improperly shared a Penta-



Special counsel Jack Smith, center, leaves after speaking to reporters, Friday, June 9, 2023, in Washington.

gon "plan of attack" and a classified map related to a military operation. Cannon was thrust into the spotlight last year when she issued what many legal experts saw as an extraordinary and unusually broad decision to appoint a "special master" to review the documents seized by the FBI.

As part of that case, Cannon temporarily barred fed-

eral agents and prosecutors from reviewing a batch of classified documents seized during the search. Her order was ultimately thrown out in a scathing opinion by a federal appeals court, which found she had overstepped.

Trump's supporters had cheered her ruling as a check on what they viewed as a politically motivated probe. His lawyers

had argued that a special master was necessary to ensure an independent review of records taken during the search and so that any personal information or documents could be filtered out and returned to Trump. But some experts said the judge gave undue deference to the former president and unnecessarily put on hold certain investigative work by the Justice

Department.

Under federal law, if prosecutors reasonably believe Cannon cannot be fair, they could file an affidavit asking that Cannon recuse herself from the case, arguing that she has a personal bias or prejudice. If she finds the affidavit is "sufficient," she must step down. She also must step down if it could be argued that her "impartiality might reasonably be questioned" by the parties or the public.

Given the reversal of Cannon's ruling last year, "there already appears to be a fair ground for disqualification because the public might reasonably question her impartiality, even absent an evidentiary basis for alleging or finding personal bias or prejudice," said University of Miami law professor Anthony Alfieri, the founding director of its Center for Ethics and Public Service.

Cannon previously worked as an assistant U.S. attorney, mainly out of the federal prosecutors' office in Fort Pierce, Florida, which is part of the same federal district as Miami but about 130 miles (209 kilometers) to the north. □

Associated Press

Blinken to travel to China next week, carrying out trip postponed

By MATTHEW LEE
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Antony Blinken is planning to travel to China next week as the Biden administration pushes to improve ties that hit a new low in February after a Chinese surveillance balloon was shot down over U.S. airspace.

U.S. officials say Blinken expects to be in Beijing on June 18 for meetings with senior Chinese officials, including with Foreign Minister Qin Gang and possibly President Xi Jinping.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because neither the State Department nor the Chinese foreign ministry has yet confirmed the trip.

The visit, which was agreed between Xi and President Joe Biden last year at a meeting in Bali, had been initially planned for February but was postponed after the spy balloon incident. Beijing insists the craft was a weather balloon that strayed off course.

Since then, there have been contacts between the U.S. and China, but they have been rare as tensions have risen over China's conduct in the South China Sea, aggressive actions toward Taiwan and support for Russia's war against Ukraine.

Last week, China's defense minister rebuffed a request from U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin for a meeting on the sidelines of a securi-

ty symposium in Singapore. However, shortly after postponing his trip to Beijing, Blinken met briefly with China's top diplomat, Wang Yi, at the Munich Security Conference in Germany.

And, CIA chief William Burns traveled to China in May and China's commerce minister traveled to the U.S. last month. And Biden's national security adviser Jake Sullivan met with Wang in Vienna in early May.

The White House said at the time that the meeting "was part of ongoing efforts to maintain open lines of communication and responsibly manage competition.

The two sides agreed to maintain this important strategic channel of com-

munication to advance these objectives."

More recently, the top U.S. diplomat for the Asia-Pacific region, Daniel Kriten-

brink, traveled to China earlier this week along with a senior National Security Council official. □



Secretary of State Antony Blinken speaks about the roll-out of the International Religious Freedom Report at the State Department in Washington, Monday, May 15, 2023.

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Oregon, mecca of weed, to crack down on illegal pot growers

By ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Oregon has long been known as a mecca for high-quality marijuana, but that reputation has come with a downside: illegal growers who offer huge amounts of cash to lease or buy land and then leave behind pollution, garbage and a drained water table. Now, a bill passed by the Oregon Legislature seeks to tackle that by making the landowners themselves responsible for the aftermath. The bill also prohibits the use of rivers or groundwater at the illegal site, as well as criminalizes seizing the identity papers of migrant workers who tend the plants or threatening to report them for deportation. Under the bill, local governments are authorized to file a claim of lien against property used for illicit marijuana, if the owner doesn't pay for the cleanup. A leader of the state's cannabis and alcohol regulatory agency has said southern Oregon is to marijuana what Bordeaux is to wine. But the state faces challenges on two fronts: The regulated industry has a glut of product that has slashed prices and profit margins, and there has



Josephine County Sheriff Dave Daniel stands amid the debris of plastic hoop houses destroyed by law enforcement, used to grow cannabis illegally, near Selma, Ore., on June 16, 2021.

Associated Press

been huge growth in illegal pot farms operating under the guise of growing hemp, which became legal nationally in 2018. After passing the Senate and House, the House Speaker Dan Rayfield signed the measure Wednesday, over the objections of some Republicans. Democratic Gov. Tina Kotek is expected to sign it next week. "This is just an assault on

property rights here in the state of Oregon," GOP Sen. Dennis Linthicum said on the Senate floor. But Sen. Jeff Golden, of Ashland, said property owners should know something is amiss when they are "approached at the beginning of the growing season with requests to lease their property for tens, sometimes hundreds of thousand dollars for a single year." Witnesses have described

backpacks with thousands of dollars in cash being handed over to landowners and getting numerous offers to buy. "We pay CASH and offer a fast close," says one letter received by a landowner last year, one of three offers. Jackson County Sheriff Nathan Sickler told lawmakers that after police raid illegal pot farms, neither landowners nor the suspects make efforts to remove the cheaply built greenhouses,

known as "hoop houses," latrines, and other debris, including plastics and chemicals. "Frankly, it's an eyesore for our community, with no means to deal with it," Sickler said. Some two years ago, the ideal growing conditions began attracting criminal gangs from Mexico, Russia and other countries, police said. Thousands of hoop houses cropped up and police were overwhelmed, nailing only a fraction of the sites. Workers at these farms often live in squalid conditions and use open latrines, and they are sometimes cheated out of their pay. Due to persistent police raids, which netted over 100 tons of illegal marijuana across the state last year, the grow sites have become smaller and more dispersed. For example, on Thursday, Josephine County Sheriff's deputies and other officers raided a property in Cave Junction and destroyed about 2,000 marijuana plants and 100 pounds of processed marijuana. Landowners who have been intimidated and suffered environmental damage from illegal grow sites are applauding the bill. □

Hawaii urges mindfulness, respect to view volcano's latest eruption

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLER
Associated Press
HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii

tourism officials urged tourists to be respectful when flocking to a national park on the Big Island to get a



Visitors line the side of an overlook to view the Kilauea eruption in Hawaii on Wednesday, June 7, 2023.

Associated Press

glimpse of the latest eruption of Kilauea, one of the world's most active volcanoes. Kilauea, Hawaii's second-largest volcano, began erupting Wednesday after a three-month pause. The U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory on Thursday lowered Kilauea's alert level from warning to watch because the rate of lava input declined, and no infrastructure is threatened. The eruption activity is confined to the closed area of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. "Out of respect for the cultural and spiritual signifi-

cance of a volcanic eruption and the crater area for many kama āina, the Hawaii Tourism Authority urges mindfulness when planning a visit to the volcano," the agency said in a statement Wednesday night, using a Hawaiian word often used for Hawaii residents. For many Native Hawaiians, an eruption of a volcano has a deep yet very personal cultural significance. Some may chant, some may pray to ancestors, and some may honor the moment with hula, or dance. Hawaiians ask that people keep a respectful distance. "Don't just get out your

camera and take photos. Stop and be still and take it in," said Cyrus Johnsen, a spokesperson for Hawaii County who is Hawaiian. "It's something that you can't pay for. In that moment, you are one with Hawaii." In recognizing the sacredness of the area, he also urged visitors to not take rocks, refrain from horseplay and leave plants alone. "A lot of plants up there are native," he said. "Just be mindful that you will leave a footprint. The idea is you leave one that's small as possible." □

Haze from Canadian wildfires eases as reinforcements from abroad arrive

MONTREAL (AP) — The hazardous haze from wildfires in Canada's northeast eased there and throughout much of northeastern United States on Friday, but Canadian officials warned it could be a marathon fire season and welcomed the help of firefighters arriving from other countries.

A contingent of 100 French firefighters landed in Canada and was en route to the fire region Friday. Hundreds more are expected to arrive from the U.S., Portugal and Spain in the coming days, and there should be about 1,200 people fighting fires in the province of Quebec by Monday, said Public Security Minister François Bonnardel.

The thick wildfire smoke that loomed over daily life this week for millions of people in Canada and parts of the U.S. East Coast has mostly dissipated, U.S. and Canadian officials said. "We're doing a lot better," U.S. National Weather Ser-



American flags fly with a cloudy sky above the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Friday, June 9, 2023.

Associated Press

vice meteorologist Bryan Putnam said.

"It looks like there is less smoke being produced in in Canada."

He said the weather pattern seems to be the same, but there is less smoke.

Maïté Blanchette Vézina, Quebec's minister of forests and natural resources, said the situation in the province remains critical but is improving. The province's forest fire prevention agency said the additional fire-

fighters is a sign "the sprint phase has ended and we're now in the marathon phase," she told a Quebec City briefing.

Blanchette Vézina said efforts in the coming days will permit firefighters to con-

tain and begin extinguishing some of the roughly 140 fires that remained active across Quebec on Friday, including some that have been allowed to burn freely due to a lack of personnel. She said the improved situation is also allowing the province to lift the ban on activities in the woods in most of the Côte-Nord and parts of the Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean regions, although forestry work and all forms of fires are still prohibited.

As of Friday, the fires had forced more than 13,500 Canadians from their homes, many of them in the northern municipalities of Chibougamau and Lebel-sur-Quévillon. About 50 people were also evacuated from a detention center in Amos, Quebec, as a preventive measure, Bonnardel said. Despite the stabilizing situation, Bonnardel said it was likely many of the evacuees wouldn't be able to return home before next week. □

Julian Assange loses latest bid to stop extradition to the U.S. on spying charges

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A British judge has rejected the latest attempt by WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to fight extradition to the United States to face spying charges.

High Court justice Jonathan Swift said a new appeal would simply "re-run" arguments that Assange's lawyers had already made and lost.

Assange has battled in British courts for years to avoid being sent to the U.S., where he faces 17 charges of espionage and one charge of computer misuse over WikiLeaks' publication of classified diplomatic and military documents more than a decade ago.

In 2021, a British district judge ruled that Assange should not be extradited

because he was likely to kill himself if held under harsh U.S. prison conditions. U.S. authorities later provided assurances that the Australia-born Assange wouldn't

face the severe treatment that his lawyers said would put his physical and mental health at risk.

Those assurances led Britain's High Court and Su-

preme Court to overturn the lower court's ruling, and the British government authorized extradition in June 2022.

Assange is seeking to halt extradition by obtaining a new court hearing on parts of his case that were dismissed by the first judge.

But in a ruling made public on Friday, Swift said all eight parts of Assange's potential appeal were not "arguable" and should not be heard.

"The proposed appeal comes to no more than an attempt to re-run the extensive arguments made to and rejected by the district judge," he said.

Assange's wife, Stella Assange, said the WikiLeaks founder would make a new appeal attempt at a High Court hearing on Tuesday. He has almost exhausted

his avenues of appeal in the U.K. but could still try to take his case to the European Court of Human Rights.

"We remain optimistic that we will prevail and that Julian will not be extradited to the United States, where he faces charges that could result in him spending the rest of his life in a maximum-security prison for publishing true information that revealed war crimes committed by the US government," Stella Assange said on Twitter.

Assange's supporters and lawyers maintain he was acting as a journalist and is entitled to First Amendment protections of freedom of speech. They argue that the case is politically motivated, that he would face inhumane treatment and be unable to get a fair trial in the U.S. □



Buildings are reflected in the window as WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is taken from court, where he appeared on charges of jumping British bail seven years ago, in London, on May 1, 2019.

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U.S. vice president announces more than \$100M to help Caribbean

By DÁNICA COTO
Associated Press
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris announced Thursday that the U.S. is investing more than \$100 million in the Caribbean region to crack down on weapons trafficking, help alleviate Haiti's humanitarian crisis and support climate change initiatives. The announcement was made ahead of an official trip to the Bahamas for a meeting of Caribbean and U.S. leaders hosted by Harris and Bahamian Prime Minister Philip Davis. Harris, who is the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit the Bahamas since it became independent 50 years ago, landed shortly after noon for the one-day visit. Dozens of greeters including school children and members of her sorority greeted Harris as the Royal Bahamas Police Force band dressed in black, red and white uniform played. During a meeting with leaders, Harris said that strengthening the U.S.-Caribbean relationship is a priority for her.



U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, center, poses for an official group photo with leaders attending the US - Caribbean Leaders meeting, at the Atlantis Conference Center in Nassau, Bahamas, Thursday, June 8, 2023.
Associated Press

"Our partnership, we strongly believe, is essential to our mutual security and prosperity," she said. As part of the initiatives, the U.S. Justice Department expects to appoint a coordinator to oversee cases involving illegal weapons smuggling in the Caribbean as island nations report a rise in violent crimes. In addition, the State Department vowed to help

improve forensic work in the region, help strengthen local police departments and support a unit based in Trinidad and Tobago aimed at helping islands solve gun-related cases and provide training for the collection and analysis of related intelligence. The U.S., with help from the U.K., also will establish a program in the eastern Caribbean to mentor local

judges and prosecutors in a bid to improve prosecutions of gun-related crimes as island nations struggle with a backlog of cases. The State Department also expects to work with Haiti's National Police, a severely underfunded and understaffed agency struggling to quell a surge in gang violence, to help investigate and prosecute crimes with U.S. ties that involve gangs,

weapons smuggling and human trafficking. That initiative is considered key given that gangs are estimated to control up to 80% of the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince as killings and kidnappings soar across the metropolitan area and beyond. U.S. senior administration officials said the worsening security situation requires an international response, and that the U.S. strongly supports the deployment of a multinational force to Haiti. In October, Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry requested the immediate deployment of a foreign armed force, but the U.N. Security Council, along with the U.S. and Canada, have yet to respond. Henry, along with other leaders of Caribbean nations, is expected to attend Thursday's meeting with Harris. U.S. senior administration officials said discussion are ongoing, and that any decision about military force would be done in consultation with the U.N. and Haiti's government. □

Colombia government, largest remaining rebel group agree to 6-month cease-fire

By ANDREA RODRÍGUEZ
Associated Press
HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — Colombia's government and its largest remaining guerrilla group agreed Friday to a six-month cease-fire at talks in Cuba, in the latest attempt to resolve a conflict dating back to the 1960s. The government and the National Liberation Army, or ELN, announced the accord at a ceremony in Havana attended by Colombian President Gustavo Petro, top guerrilla commander Antonio García and Cuban officials. The cease-fire takes effect in phases, goes fully into effect in August and then lasts for six months. "This effort to look for

peace is a beacon of hope that conflicts can be resolved politically and diplomatically," top rebel ne-



Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel applauds as Colombia's President Gustavo Petro, left, and ELN commander Antonio Garcia shake hands during a bilateral ceasefire agreement signing ceremony between Petro's government and the Colombian National Liberation Army (ELN) guerrilla, at El Laguito in Havana, Cuba, Friday, June 9, 2023.

Associated Press

gotiator Pablo Beltrán said at the ceremony. The talks originally were scheduled to conclude with an official ceremony on Thursday, but were postponed as the parties asked for additional time to work on final details. Petro traveled to the island for the ceremony, saying it could herald an "era of peace" in Colombia. The accord reached Friday also calls for the formation of a broadly representative national committee by late July to discuss a lasting peace. "You have here proposed a bilateral agreement, and I agree with that, but Colombian society has to be able to debate it, and to participate," Petro said during

the ceremony. Negotiations between the sides had resumed in August, after being terminated in 2019 when the rebels set off a car bomb at a police academy in Bogota killing 21 people. Following that incident, the government of then-President Iván Duque (2018-2022) issued arrest warrants for ELN leaders in Cuba for the peace negotiations. But Cuba refused to extradite them, arguing that doing so would compromise its status as a neutral nation in the conflict and break with diplomatic protocols. Talks relaunched in November shortly after Petro was elected as Colombia's first leftist president. □

Students from EPI College are organizing a Fun Walk and Run to raise funds

(Oranjestad)—On June 24th, students from the Health and Service department of EPI College will be hosting a Fun Walk and Run to celebrate EPI's 25th anniversary and raise funds to purchase instruments and uniforms for EP's Brass Band. They will also be assisting a social organization, as reported.

During a press conference, Julissa Arends, who serves as the PR for the Student Council, stated that the activity will involve a 5KM walk or run, starting at Gate number 3 of EPI and ending at the same location. The route will go through Venusstraat - De La Sallestraat - Sero Blanco - Watty Vos



Boulevard - Meiveld - Tarabana Roundabout - Caya Betico Croes - Marathon Roundabout - De La Sallestraat, and back to Venusstraat EPI Gate 3.

Along the route, partici-

pants will have a water station at Sero Patrishi Roundabout, and at the end, there will be fruits and water.

Registration begins at 7:00 am, and the activity starts

at 8:00 am with the first group.

Prizes will include cash rewards of up to 1,250 florins for the top 3 groups: individual walkers, runners, and groups of five.

Those interested in registering can do so at EPI or contact the following telephone numbers: (+297) 567-8531, (+297) 525-8770, and (+297) 563-1040.

With the funds they receive, EPI intends to form their own brass band and also contribute 50% of the funds raised to a charitable organization.

Arends assured that they have approximately 1,000 tickets for sale, but they accept the community's help to achieve their goal of creating their brass band in time to participate in next year's march on March 18th. □

Enjoy one of the best views on Aruba at the top of the Hooiberg Hill

(Oranjestad)—If you are a regular hiker, or maybe want to spice up your morning work out session, then you might enjoy one of the most popular climbing sites on the island: The Hooiberg Hill. Accompanied with a 600-step staircase, this hill overlooks a great part of the island, the Caribbean sea, and sometimes even the Santa Anna mountain located in the coastal state of Falcon in Venezuela, providing one of the best views you can get on Aruba.

located at the center district of the island, Santa Cruz, the Hooiberg Hill is the second highest point on the island at 165 meters above sea level (or about 540 feet above sea level). The highest point is Jamanota Hill at 189 meters (620 feet), located in the Arikok National Park.



The staircase that runs on the side of the hill was first built in 1951, when Mr. Eduardo Tromp constructed it. At that time, the staircase consisted of 900 steps. Over time, as the steps faced erosion, the government decided to renovate these stairs in 1991. This new project delivered the newer staircase with only 587 steps. However, don't be fooled—it may still be

a work out to get on top. In addition, there is now a gazebo placed halfway up the stair for a little rest. The view at this resting stop is also a sight to see.

The best time to climb the hill would be early in the morning or right before sunset, as it may not be as hot. However, the hill is of course open all day, every day. □



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woman". In the case of Ponson, this was no different. As General Store progressed and slowly became successful, Mrs. Irene Ponson, came in to assist her husband. Irene Ponson is a visionary, she knew exactly where and how to invest and within a short amount of time in 1970, General Store moved to a better location at the Steenweg. This allowed for a lot more merchandise, products and employees. Supply and demand was as such, that General Store became the number 1 electrical business. Business kept going so well that the location at the Steenweg became too small and was moved later to Dakota Shopping Paradise and later to Pedro Gallego Straat. With this move, an expansion was decided upon and an electronics

store in Savaneta was opened. General Store still being very successful was ready for more growth.

Ricky, Kenneth, Corine and Frans are the fruits of this marriage. Kenneth and Frans however, decided to further develop their father's legacy and continued with their mother's dream to expand the business. An expansion not in square feet only, but in merchandise as well. A great opportunity presented itself when the Ponson family was able to buy a piece of property across from the airport. In 2007 the Ponson family moved into their brand new and huge building

After a successful opening and expansion, Kenneth and Frans who inherited their mother's vision, decided that General Store was ready for yet another expansion. With the support of Mr. Tom Barfell and management of Do it Best in the States, the construction of Do it Center commenced.

Fast forward to today. A Do it Center in Aruba, with more than 50.000 top of the line items for interior as well exterior use, building materials, STO products and a top of the line grocery store. Perseverance, responsibility, vision and the courage to invest have made Ponson's General Store as successful as it is today.

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Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □



Another Treasure of Aruba's Beaches: Sea Glass!

NOORD - It is hard to imagine this happening today, but years ago people dumped all kinds of refuse straight into the ocean, including old cars, and their household garbage, which of course included lots of glass. Over the next 30 years the pounding waves cleaned the beach, by breaking down everything but glass and pottery. The pounding waves washed the trash up and down, back and forth. Tons of polished, broken glass pieces were created by the pounding surf. These smoothened, colored glass particles then settled along the sea shore in millions, and that is why you can find these beautiful and colorful pieces on the north shore beaches of Aruba.



any piece of glass that finds its way to the ocean and tumbles around in the water long enough is "Sea glass.

The colorful pieces of glass are being used for decoration, handicrafts and jewelry!

Once glass makes its way into the ocean, the glass is broken up into shards and is tumbled around in the water, where sand and other rocks act like sandpaper to smooth out its rough edges. Sometimes as the sea glass is passed through fire, it becomes fire glass, the rarest of

sea glass with certain inclusions, just like precious gems.

For years, the water beat against the different kinds of trash being dumped. Glass, household appliances and even motor parts were discarded on the beach. The waves and weather conditions wore down the overwhelming amount of garbage in the water, creating millions of beautiful smooth rocks.

It's hard to believe the short-sighted mistakes we were making that could have potentially ruined these beautiful beaches. But thanks to natural processes, the ocean transformed the trash into the sea glass. Each colored gem on the beach has its own story.

The ruby red glass stones are typically from old car tail-lights.

Then, the sapphire rocks are the remnants of broken apothecary bottles. The most common and the easiest to find are the brown (Ams-

tel & Polar beer), green (Heineken & Balashi beer) and clear glass which are the soft much loved "soft drink" bottles.

If you like to see the sea glass for yourself, and be in awe of the power of nature, rent a car or jeep and go explore our deserted beaches on the north side of the island. Make it a fun family day! Even if we didn't mean to pollute the Beaches how we did, it is inspiring to see just how the earth can correct our mistakes.

Funny, how trash can change into treasures!

Everybody knows that you are not allowed to take local shells home, but the people working at the airport have no problem you taking sea glass home. A few of those pieces make great souvenirs. You can place them in a wine glass or large bottle for decoration and every time you look at it a smile will light up your face thinking back of your unforgettable Aruba vacation! □

Especially on the strip on white sand between the famous Natural Bridge" and the huge red anchor close to "Grapefield" beach you will be able to find your own pieces of sea glass. The sea glass that was created is the product of a very long and interesting process. It can take anywhere from 10 to 30 years to make sea glass. The name for

Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a windswept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea.

Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a “must see” landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the “T” junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

About the Anchor

Size

It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the “fluke” or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

Story 1:

“According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of the island. This is the usual shallow



The Red Anchor situated at the entrance of former Lago Colony in San Nicolas

mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain.”

Story 2:

“Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them.”

How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba; Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division

Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The “anchor”, which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated “To All Seamen” on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam Speziale, requested assistance

from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated “To All Seamen” in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seamen who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

The Best Time to Visit

When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule.☐

Ode to the Fisherman: A project that provides an opportunity to see how everything is related to our heritage

(Oranjestad)—Yesterday morning, Clifford Rosa, president of the Rancho Foundation, along with Ana Maria Hernandez and Samuel Sarmiento, held a press conference to inform the community about the Ode to the Fisherman exhibition, which will start on June 16. As part of the celebration of Oranjestad's 200th anniversary, which will take place next year, the Rancho Foundation has been considering different project activities, and Ode to the Fisherman is one of the initial projects they conceived in 2020, focusing on the theme of fishing in Rancho.

The Rancho Foundation, in its mission to conserve, preserve, and protect fishing and fisheries for Rancho's fishermen, wants to further develop on that by exploring the connection between culture and art: "Culture and art are two themes that are certainly intertwined or should be intertwined in a community. In this case, we have experienced and worked hard on the Ode to the Fisherman project," Rosa assured.

The exhibition will begin on June 16 at the Rancho Foundation itself, where

Rosa emphasized the importance of this event in educating the entire community, from children to adults, about their heritage: "This is a moment for deeper reflection on an aspect of our cultural heritage: the fisherman. How he lived, how he worked, and the struggles he faced. All of this will be addressed as a theme throughout the weeks of this exhibition," he stated.

The project has a lot of material, and there is still work to be done in terms of research, documentation, and presentation. Rosa emphasized that there is a lot of information that has been preserved but has not been shared or documented. "However, it is not easy for a family to give out family information, even for a good cause, but the research that takes place is essential for better documentation, analysis, and discussion to help the community move forward."

Rosa expressed her gratitude to the Mondriaan Fund for the funding they received to make these types of projects possible, and which also allowed them to overcome the effects of the pandemic. She also explained that 2021 was a very challeng-

ing year, but considering the work they put into this project, they were able to prepare, deliver, and go through all the processes to obtain funding from the Mondriaan Fund.

Ana Maria Hernandez, the curator and cultural manager, local art historian, and founder of the Plataforma Aruba, a non-profit organization that creates projects for the local community by combining visual arts and collaborations between institutions and local artists, pointed out that this was an investigation where they tried to engage the Rancho community and collect stories.

"The idea behind this project was to document, present, preserve, and brings to light a part of our island's history and cultural heritage. It is of great importance to our neighboring community of Rancho and the fishing community," she informed.

The research has been presented through a series of blog posts on their website, www.plataformaruba.org, and on June 16, they will open another component of the project, an exhibition showcasing Samuel Sarmiento's work. Along-



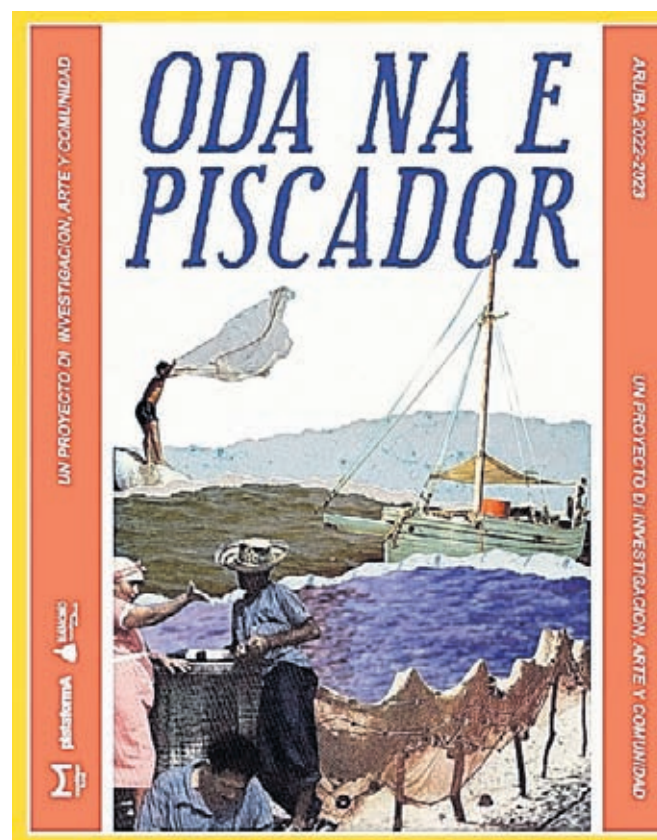
side the exhibition, there will be a public program with various activities over two months, starting on that day and culminating on August 4th.

Hernandez announced that on June 24th, they will have a free guided tour of the exhibition led by her and Samuel Sarmiento. On June 29th, they will have a more extensive program celebrating Fisherman's Day, and in July, there will be more activities that will be announced later.

With the upcoming holiday season, Hernandez indicated that it is an opportunity not only to showcase what they have but also to exchange ideas, memories, and experiences: "We all

have certain connections to the fishing heritage of our island, but sometimes we don't fully realize it. So, this project is an opportunity for all of us to see how we are related to our heritage, how everything impacts our lives. The developments in the harbor also affect us, and that's the focus behind this public program," Hernandez assured.

Samuel Sarmiento, a visual artist, invites the Aruba community to come and see the Ode to the Fisherman exhibition. It offers an opportunity to see ceramics, paintings, drawings related to local fishing themes and different types of marine species, fish, and people who work at sea. □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three I's. X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

6-10 CRYPTOQUOTE

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IMAGINATION — JOHN KEATS

Millennial Money: Does ESG actually do any good?

By ALANA BENSON of Nerd-Wallet

ESG, or environmental, social and corporate governance criteria, has become a lightning rod for contention. The right says it's woke hogwash, and the left says it can save the planet. But few can say what ESG has actually done.

WHY CAN'T WE MEASURE IN POLAR BEARS?

If you're putting in the effort of researching companies, deciphering ESG scores and choosing investments, you probably want to know what your dollars are actually doing. I've long wished for an app that would tell you exactly how many polar bears you're saving with X number of dollars in ESG investments. Unfortunately, ESG statistics and impact reports don't deal in polar bears.

Measuring ESG's output of good is tricky. "Good" is not necessarily a concept we all agree on. Plus, to show how a company is doing, ESG uses numerical scores that are not easily deciphered.

Here's one example: A major energy drink manufacturer had an ESG score of 0. The company massively reduced the amount of forced labor in its supply chain thanks to shareholder interventions, says Andrew Behar, CEO of As You Sow, a nonprofit working to increase corporate environmental and social responsibility.

Reducing forced labor was overwhelmingly better for the brand, and the return



The sun sets at wind farm in McCook, Texas during a heat wave on July 20, 2022.

Associated Press

on investment outweighed the cost of implementing new practices. Much of the focus of making this change was on improving the company's ESG score (which went from 0 to 26 out of 100), but the result was a significant reduction in forced labor.

GREENWASHING AND ESG

How do you assign a number to positive impact? There are a few ways, such as pounds of carbon prevented from entering the atmosphere, or dollars donated to charity, but even those numbers can be misleading. Those misleading, or sometimes entirely false, claims are called greenwashing.

Many automated financial advisers, or robo-advisers, now offer impact portfolios. Those portfolios are typically made up of exchange-traded funds built along certain themes, such as investing in clean energy. A few say they donate to charities. But several of these funds haven't donated a dollar.

ESG is a grading system that can be used to combat greenwashing by providing quantitative data. But since the term "ESG" isn't regulated, that can cause even more confusion.

"We did a report where we noticed that there were 90 mutual funds with ESG in their name, and 60 of them got a D or an F on ESG from us," says Behar. "So we did an analysis of their prospectuses. The bottom line is that the prospectus language is in no way correlated to the holdings, and no way correlated to the (fund) name."

WHAT ARE YOUR IMPACT DOLLARS DOING?

If you're trying to figure out what the overall good output is from ESG, you may be searching for a long time. Those numbers don't exist (at least not yet). What does exist are examples of individual companies slowly making change over time. A single company decreasing the amount of forced labor in its supply chain due to ESG and shareholder advocacy is indisputably good and that's not the only example out there.

ESG guidelines, and the people who use them, have led to large-scale reductions in pesticide use, increased sustainability programs and increased diversity within company workforces. □

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Small-brained ancient human cousins may have buried their dead



In this photo provided by National Geographic, researchers lay out fossils of *Homo naledi* at the University of the Witwatersrand's Evolutionary Studies Institute in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2014. Associated Press

By **MADDIE BURAKOFF**
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — An ancient human cousin may have buried its dead and carved symbols into cave walls, surprising findings for a creature with a small brain.

Fossil remains of the species named *Homo naledi* were uncovered in underground caves in South Africa a decade ago. Now, researchers say they've found evidence that the species was capable of complex behavior that so far has only been seen in those with bigger brains.

"We are facing a remarkable discovery here" for a species with brains one-third the size of humans, said anthropologist Lee

Berger, who led the research funded by the National Geographic Society, where he now works.

Berger and colleagues describe their findings in studies posted online Monday. The research has not been peer-reviewed yet and some outside scientists think more evidence is needed to challenge what we know about how humans evolved their complex thinking. "There's still a lot to uncover," said Rick Potts, director of the Smithsonian's Human Origins Program who was not involved in the research.

H. naledi is a pretty new addition to the family tree of hominins, which includes our direct ancestors and other extinct relatives who

walked on two legs. Berger and his team announced the species in 2015, after a tip from local spelunkers led them to the Rising Star cave system near Johannesburg where they uncovered fossils from at least 15 individuals who lived around 300,000 years ago. □



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Tom Brady still has a full plate and plenty of drive after retirement

By **BROOKE LEFFERTS**
Associated Press

Tom Brady may be really done playing football now, but his discipline and drive endure. The seven-time Super Bowl champion is enjoying retirement while staying busy. He's preparing for his new 2024 broadcasting gig at Fox Sports, is set to become a minority owner of the Las Vegas Raiders, and is focusing on his apparel and wellness brands. He's also dabbled in acting - in the feature film "80 for Brady" last year and in some funny new ads for Hertz rental cars with actor-comedian Yvonne Orji. Brady recently spoke to The Associated Press about his new projects, whether he still sticks to his strict healthy lifestyle, and if that drive extends to his parenting. Answers have been shortened for clarity and brevity.

AP: You have so many interests and jobs now, what do you get most excited about?

BRADY: It's a big year of kind of recalibrating some different things. I'm just trying to set my priorities and allow my time and energy to be focused on those. In the short term, it's being there for my children and being the best dad I can be and being as present as I can with them. And some of these other things are probably more longer term: working with Hertz, I



Then-New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady holds a Super Bowl trophy, between others the team previously had won, during a rally in Boston to celebrate the team's 34-28 win over the Atlanta Falcons in the NFL Super Bowl 51 football game in Houston, Feb. 7, 2017.

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love doing that. I invest the time and energy in my apparel brand, my health and wellness brand obviously is so important to me. I have a small media business that I've been really working hard at and then obviously working with Fox and then going through this process of ownership with the Raiders. All of them bring me joy in different ways.

AP: Why did you decide to invest in the Raiders?

BRADY: I grew up in the Bay Area. My favorite team was the 49ers. The team across the bay was the Raiders. And, you know, they're an

iconic NFL franchise. When I look at a lot of the people that have impacted the NFL over a long period of time in the most positive way, (former Raiders owner and GM) Al Davis is one of them. And he's not with us anymore but I've heard incredible stories. And then the opportunity came about to become a minority owner in the Raiders, it was a dream come true for me. I'll be playing a very passive role.

This is something that I'm interested in doing for the rest of my life. This is not something that I'm into it

for a year or two years. You know, I've got a lot of responsibility with my Fox job, which I take very seriously. But if I'm looking over the course of my life, to have the opportunity to be involved in the NFL is a dream come true. And if I could help the NFL and continue to contribute in a positive way, then you know, that's been a very enjoyable part of my life.

AP: Were the new Hertz ads fun to shoot?

BRADY: We had the best day. We literally laughed for like six hours. Yvonne was on

fire. She was ad libbing. And she's a very talented actress, very funny. So, I thought there were a lot of really cool, funny concepts that came out of it.

AP: You played yourself, but also kind of a straight man. Was that easy or hard?

BRADY: There's an element of acting and I enjoy that part. I mean, it's definitely not probably the most natural thing. I mean, I've been obviously on camera for a long time so I'm somewhat comfortable but it's challenging to say, "alright and action (snaps)!" and now you've got to turn into a character. Even though the character may be me, it's me playing me and not just me, you know? So finding a comfort level in doing that is, it takes a little bit of time, but the more I do it, the more comfortable I get.

AP: Are you the kind of dad who says "let's get summer homework done" or "go see the fireworks and do homework later"?

BRADY: It's not the thing you want to hear when you get out of school after a long year, is to think about summer reading, but it's our reality. So, let's think about where we've got to be when school starts and let's work our way back and make sure that we're not cramming here with the last week to go. We'll set aside some time. □

Blue Jays cut P Anthony Bass after latest anti-LGBTQ+ comments



Toronto Blue Jays relief pitcher Anthony Bass throws to a Minnesota Twins batter during the ninth inning of a baseball game Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022, in Minneapolis.

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TORONTO (AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays cut pitcher Anthony Bass on Friday, one day after the right-handed reliever said he didn't think an anti-LGBTQ+ social media post he shared last month was hateful.

The move came hours before Bass was set to catch a ceremonial first pitch from Toronto LGBTQ+ activist leZlie Lee Kam before Friday's game against Minnesota as the Blue Jays begin their fourth annual Pride Weekend celebration. The team now has seven

days to trade Bass or put him on waivers.

Bass apologized before a May 30 game against Milwaukee, one day after sharing a post on his Instagram calling for anti-LGBTQ+ boycotts of Target and Bud Light over support they showed for the LGBTQ+ community. Both companies are dealing with fallout from those campaigns, which have included hostile and homophobic criticisms and calls from LGBTQ+ activists not to cave to the pressure.

Bass, who was booed by Toronto fans in his two home appearances since the apology, spoke to a group of media before Thursday's win over Houston, saying he stood by his "personal beliefs."

He also said he is "working hard" to educate himself, including meeting with the executive director of activist group Pride Toronto. Bass, 35, is a 12-year veteran who has also played in Japan. He was 0-0 with a 4.95 ERA in 22 games. □

Djokovic nears his 23rd Grand Slam title at the French Open

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AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — It was Carlos Alcaraz, not Novak Djokovic, who conjured up the “How did he do that?!” shot in the French Open semifinals that went viral in minutes and will be talked about for years.

It was Alcaraz, 20, not Djokovic, 36, who had youth on his side, of course, the widest gap between Grand Slam semifinalists since 1991. It was Alcaraz, not Djokovic, who complained to his coach in the early going on an 85-degree afternoon in Court Philippe Chatrier that the points weren’t long enough to wear down his opponent.

And yet it was Alcaraz, not Djokovic, who succumbed to the heat and the intensity and, by his own admission, the nerves of the occasion. It was Alcaraz, not Djokovic, whose body broke down. And so it is the No. 3 seed Djokovic, not No. 1 Alcaraz, who will play on in Paris with a chance to add to his trophy collection.

Using every bit of his superiority in experience and fitness, Djokovic beat a cramping Alcaraz 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, 6-1 to reach his 34th major final. That allowed Djokovic to move closer to a 23rd Grand Slam championship, which would break a tie with rival Rafael Nadal



Serbia's Novak Djokovic, right, accompanies Spain's Carlos Alcaraz after he got leg cramps during their semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Friday, June 9, 2023.

for the men’s record. “I can understand the emotions and circumstances that affect you mentally and emotionally. ... Maybe for the first time in his career, he was expected to win,” Djokovic said. “It’s a part of the learning curve.” Score one for the old guys. “I’ve never felt the tension that I did in that match,” said Alcaraz, who said the stress he sensed because of the stakes, and the daunting foe across the net, caused cramps in “every part of my body.” “He has been in that situation multiple times,” Alcaraz

said. “More than me.” On Sunday, Djokovic will meet No. 4 Casper Ruud, who eliminated No. 22 Alexander Zverev 6-3, 6-4, 6-0. Ruud will be playing in his third final at the past five majors including in Paris a year ago, when he lost to Nadal but is still seeking his first such trophy. “I tired to play without too many feelings,” Ruud said, “without too much pressure.” Nadal was absent from his favorite tournament this year because of a hip injury; he had arthroscopic

surgery last week. That left most people focusing on two men: Djokovic, who has won 10 of the past 19 majors, and Alcaraz, who won the U.S. Open in September. Djokovic is one of the dominant figures in the sport’s history; Alcaraz is considered its future. They sure put on a show for two exhilarating, exhausting sets, with fans breaking into chants of both men’s nicknames: “No-le!” and “Car-li-tos!” “We went toe-to-toe,” Djokovic said. He was at his stretching, sliding best, whipping ground-

strokes that pushed Alcaraz all over the place. Alcaraz, somehow, chased just about everything down, his speed and instinct as good as there is.

“I told him that he’s got plenty of time, and that I’m sure he’s going to win Roland Garros multiple times in the future. I have no doubt about it,” Djokovic said of their conversation when the match was over. “I mean, he’s an amazing player. Just possesses so much qualities. So dynamic. So much power in his shots. Very complete player.”

Nothing was as memorable as THAT shot by Alcaraz. It was the shot of the day, of the tournament, of the year, reminiscent of one conjured up by Roger Federer on the same court years ago.

It arrived at 1-all in the second set. Having lured Alcaraz forward, Djokovic sent the ball toward the baseline. Many a player would have given up on the point and chosen to move onto the next. Or perhaps attempted to get there but failed. Alcaraz gave chase, running with his back to the net, then sliding beyond the baseline, his left foot bending as he came to a halt and spun his body around, leaning backward in order to lace a forehand past Djokovic for a winner. □

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Belmont Park will resume live racing after air quality improves



National Treasure trains ahead of the Belmont Stakes horse race, Friday, June 9, 2023, at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Live racing will resume at Belmont Park on Friday following significant improvement in air quality conditions in the state, the New York Racing Association announced. Both Belmont and Saratoga reopened for training Friday morning, and the 11-card race will start at 12:50 p.m. The NYRA said in a statement that it will actively monitor air quality conditions and forecasts to ensure the environment re-

mains safe for racing participants and fans ahead of the Belmont Stakes on Saturday. Racing at Belmont Park was canceled on Thursday due to poor air quality from wildfires in Canada. New York Gov. Kathy Hochul had warned that the Belmont Stakes, the final leg of the Triple Crown, could be affected if conditions don’t improve by Saturday. New York Racing Association vice president of communications Patrick McK-

enna said in a statement to The Associated Press on Thursday that state officials and the NYRA consulted on how to proceed going forward in “our shared efforts to provide the safest possible environment for training and racing thoroughbred horses.” McKenna had said his group remained “optimistic that conditions will allow for the resumption of training and racing on Friday in advance of the Belmont Stakes on Saturday.” □

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